Assessment Directors Meeting September 11, 2008

DEBORAH SWENSEN, PH. D. ASSESSMENT DIRECTOR





NOLAN FAWCETT

UBSCT & Secondary Math Specialist



Pre-Printing

- Monday, September 22 Pre-print files to the USOE for districts that need the answer documents mailed by the USOE
- Monday, September 29 Pre-print files to the USOE for districts that are picking up answer documents from the USOE



Receiving the Tests

- October 6-8 Mailed answer documents arrive at the district; please contact Sharon Marsh (801-538-7915) if not arrived by 8th.
- October 6-10 Districts picking up answer documents, need to coordinate time with Sharon Marsh at the USOE.
- October 6-8 Test materials arrive at the districts; please contact Megan Neely (866-502-2742) if not arrived by 8th.



Testing

- October 21-23 Administration of the Utah Basic Skills Competency Test
- Tuesday, Oct 21 Writing Subtest
- Wednesday, Oct 22 Mathematics Subtest
- Thursday, Oct 23 Reading Subtest
- October 24-28 Make-up testing, to be conducted in a uniform manner per district guidelines

Returning the Test

- October 24-28 Used test materials returned to the district from the schools.
- Tuesday, October 28 Final day, testing
 Materials must be returned to district office
- Wednesday, October 29 Prepare all test materials for UPS pick-up.
- Thursday, October 30 Test materials will be picked up by UPS.



Reminder for Future Events

- Preliminary Data will be release on November 21st.
- After the October Test, the Math and Writing sections will be released for Practice Tests.



Computer Based Testing (CBT)

JULIE QUINN CBT SPECIALIST



Feedback...

District concerns with

- 1. Capacity
- 2. Bandwidth
- 3. Redundancy

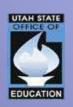


Hosted Solution

School Housed at USOE Internet LAN switch Data Administration 00000000000 System (DAS) Class or Testing Room **Proctor Test** Workstation (PTW) Student Test Student Test Workstation Workstation (STW) (STW) Test Delivery Student Test Student Test System (TDS) Workstation Workstation (STW) (STW) Student Test Student Test Workstation Workstation (STW) (STW)

Since August 12th

- August 13
 - All day requirements meeting with Measured Progress, USOE CS and Assessment, and UEN Networking.
- Weekly conference calls, software development team w/program management.
- September 3 & 4
 Onsite meeting at Measured Progress Corporate Office (Dover, NH).



Software Development

Measured Progress has committed to include many of the requests made on August 12th.

Software development has been accelerated.

- Tests will require less bandwidth than original estimates.
- 60,000 students statewide may take tests at the same time.



Technical Survey

Will be sent to Assessment Directors via email, mid-September.

Readiness Certification

Will be sent to Assessment Directors, in conjunction with training. To be completed prior to training test administration.



December 9 – 12

- November training rescheduled.
- Two sessions per day, both administrative.
- Targeted to LEA personnel responsible for training schools.
- Training Tests will be available.
 - Elementary and secondary for ELA, math, and science.
 - Technical test for load testing purposes.



CBT Participation Commitments

October 1 – 15 (no change)

- LEA to enter CBT participation percentages for 2009 via UTOS.
- Overall LEA percentage will be calculated.
- Percentage will be checked against enrollment counts.
- Submit numbers assuming there will be no problems with USOE network or hardware.



CBT Participation Commitments

New Date: December 9 – 12

- Numbers may be revised via UTOS.
- CBT numbers may go up.



January

- Local load testing using training tests.
- Coordinated load testing effort on specific date and time.
 - Intended to simulate the heaviest days of testing for each LEA, on the same day.
- Should load testing create concerns with participation numbers, cases will be evaluated individually by Deborah Swensen.



New Date: February 23 – 27

CBT training will be combined with CRT trainings.



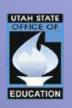
Technical Requirements

Student Test Workstations (STWs):

Macintosh machines - minimum Safari 3.

Best Practices:

Prioritize network traffic for CBT.



Things to Remember

- Ensure that students are registered with accurate course codes that align to CRTs.
- Conduct sufficient load testing.
- Provide students and teachers with training test opportunities.
- Ensure that make-up and completion time is included in testing schedules.
- Use online tutorials and Measured Progress help desk.



Recipe for Success

- Generate pre-load files for individual tests, with accurate 9+2's and student lists.
- Verify that sessions have been created accurately (automatically built from pre-loads).
- New: Assign users to sessions.
- New: Mark read-aloud accommodation prior to student beginning test, to override form assignments.
- Submit tests for scoring, after make-up testing is finished.

Questions?



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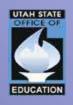
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UALPA 2008-2009

Rita Brock UALPA Specialist



Testing Window

- January 2009 through May 15, 2009
 - All ELL students in traditional or year-round school, identified as Level PE, E, I, and A are required to be tested with the UALPA
- New students who enroll AFTER May 1, 2009
 DO NOT need to be tested with the 2008-2009
 UALPA.



English Language Proficiency Levels

UALPA Levels

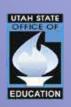
– PE: Pre-Emergent

– E: Emergent

I: Intermediate

- A: Advanced

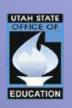
- F: Fluent



Pre-Printed Student Barcode Labels

 ELL students will need to have been identified as receiving Level 1 or Level 2 test forms. Refer to guidance provided in the Test Administration Manual and Coordinator's Guide.

District will submit a pre-print file to USOE
 Computer Services at least 10 working days
 prior to the date the pre-printed student labels
 will be needed.



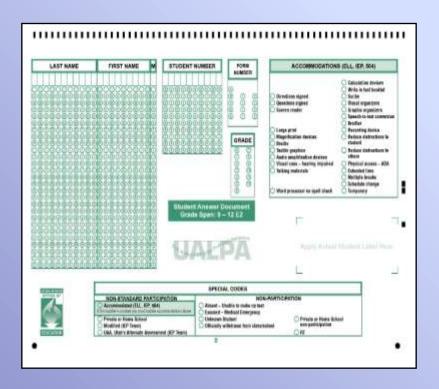
Pre-Printed Student Labels

- Test Administrators will apply the labels to the answer documents of those students they are assessing.
- Test Administrators are responsible for placing the preprinted student labels in the correct location.





New Students Without Labels



For new students without pre-printed labels:

- Student information will need to be hand-bubbled.
- An SSID number must be assigned before UALPA administration.
- Use student's District ID number on answer document.



Key Dates for UALPA 2008-2009

- December 15, 2008 District submits a preprint file to USOE Computer Services at least 10 working days prior to date the pre-printed student labels will be needed.
- January 8, 2009 Testing materials shipped to districts
- January 15, 2009 May 15, 2009 Testing window
- May 16, 2009 June 15, 2009 Deadlines for districts to: Score constructed responses if USOE cannot provide scoring



Key Dates for UALPA 2008-2009

District deadlines for return of answer documents to the USOE or to the vendor:

- May 15, 2009 –traditional schools
- June15, 2009 –year-around schools

Scoring:

- The USOE is working to provide scoring of constructed response items.
- Currently, scoring of constructed response items is to be completed as last year.
- Further information will be provided at the October Assessment Director's meeting.



Returning Completed Answer Documents to the USOE

- Verify that all answer documents have had the constructed responses scored.
- Separate each grade within boxes by teacher/school header sheets.
- Use packing material to avoid movement of materials inside box. Do **not** use foam, as this affects the scan ability of the documents.
- Tape box securely with heavy-duty tape (not cellophane or masking tape).
- Ship to the USOE via UPS, FedEx, or another carrier that tracks shipments. Do **not** send by U.S. Mail.



If you have questions...

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https://assessment.schools.utah.gov/USOEAA

Web address for ordering test booklets and administration materials for:

- CRT standard, special needs and CBT
- DWA standard and special needs
- IOWA standard and special needs
- UALPA standard and special needs
- UBSCT standard and special needs



Currently...

- UBSCT
- IOWA Fall
- UALPA
- CRT Trimester



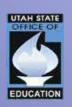
Update fields

- First and Last name
- E-mail addresses
- Shipping Information
- Any special information you would like us to know....
- YOU ARE READY TO ORDER!!!



<u>Iowa Fall</u>

- Order window is open until September 30
- Standard and Special needs
- TAM and Coordinator's guide



Iowa Fall

- Materials (test booklets and TAMS) are stored at district/school level for reuse every year
- Coordinator's guides are "new every two" years



Iowa Fall

 Special needs materials returned to the USOE



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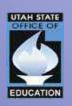
- Order window is Sept. 1 to Sept. 12
- Standard and Special Needs
- TAMS





UBSCT

- UPS AUTO Pickup October 30
- Special Needs Materials Returned to USOE



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- Grade span test booklets, flipcharts, and TAMS
 - Kindergarten (A)
 - 1-2 (B)
 - 3-6 (C)
 - 7-8 (D)
 - 9-12 (E)
- Coordinator's guide



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UALPA

- -Kindergarten (A)
- -1-2 (B)
- -3-6 (C)
- -7-8 (D)
- -9-12(E)
- Each Grade Span has Beginning level (1) and Intermediate (2)



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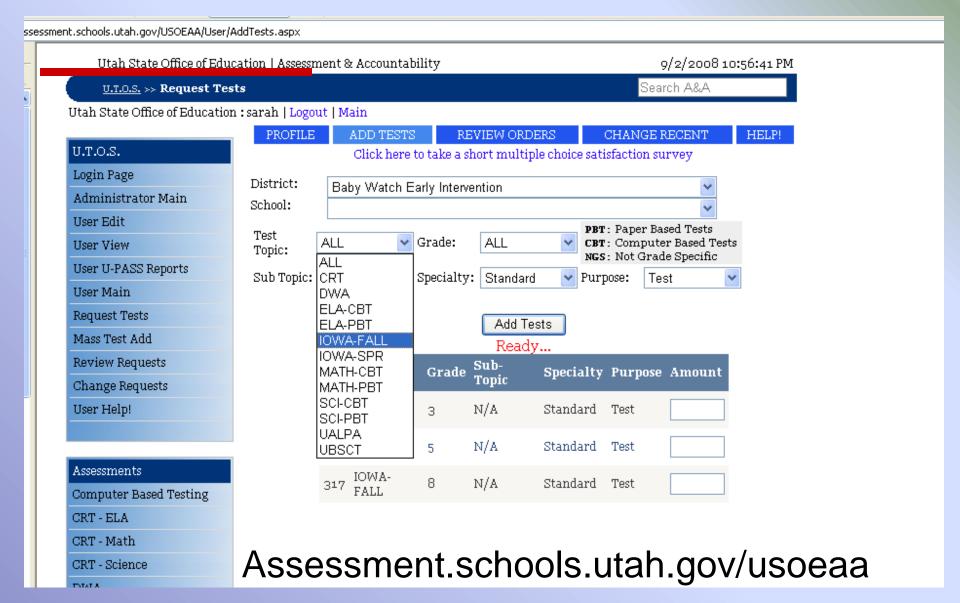
- Ordering window open October 1 to October 31
- Test window opens January



CRT Trimester

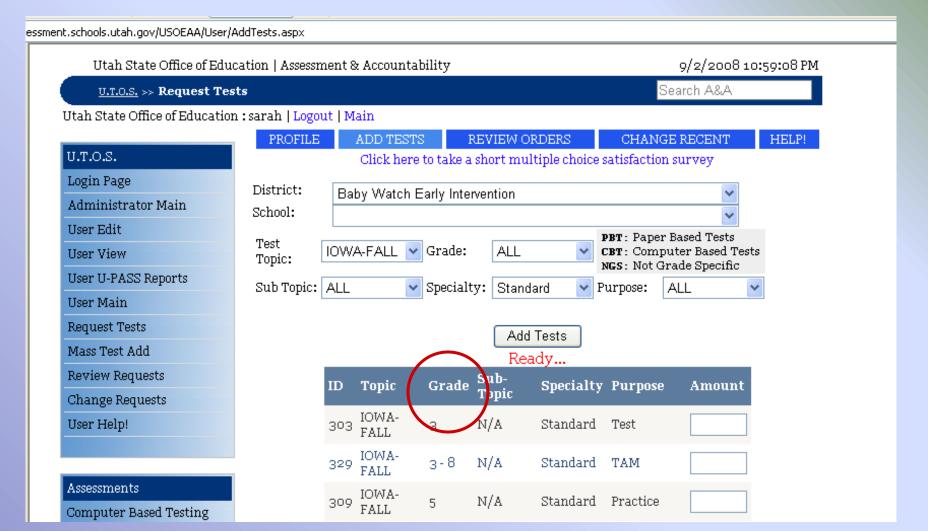
- Earlier than usual ordering window
- October 1 November 31





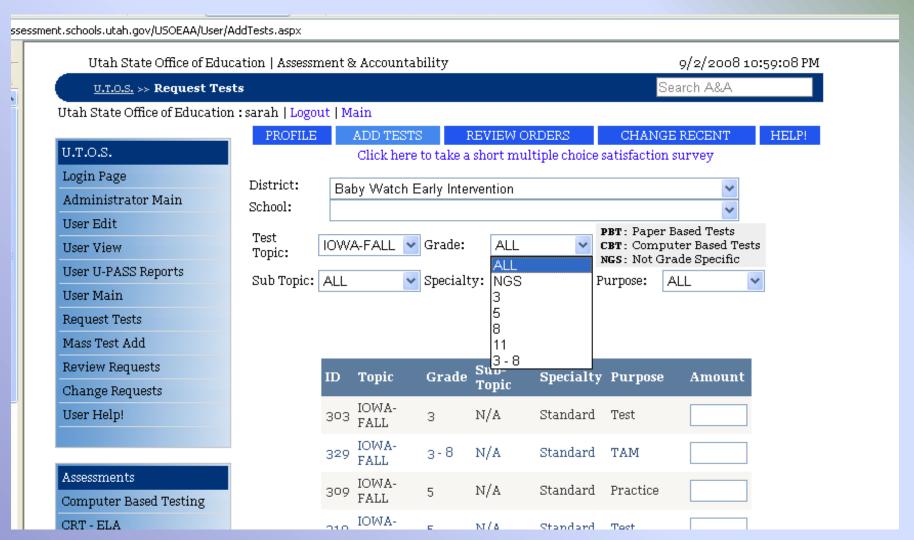






Sort by column headings





Choose or sort this way too



NAEP 2009 – Update

TIM D. ECCLESTON NAEP SPECIALIST



NAEP 2009 Update

- School Packets sent on August 29
- USOE will be continuing to Assist Schools with
- MySchool registration and completion of School Data Collection Form – Due September 26
- USOE will begin working with schools and districts on student list submissions on October 1, with a completion date of October 31



Direct Writing Assessment (DWA)

MARGARET YOUNG DWA & ELA SPECIALIST



2007-08 DWA Concerns

- There is no comparability of scores because there is no equating of results.
- There is no evidence of scoring aberration.
 - Reader performance reports
 - Validity responses
 - Calibration papers
 - Backreading of 5% of each scorers papers
- Pilot statistics on these prompts were similar to other prompts.
- Conclusion: The sixth grade prompt was more challenging for students.



Test Ordering Training

SARAH MOORE PRODUCTION MANAGER





User Tips for Ordering Test Materials



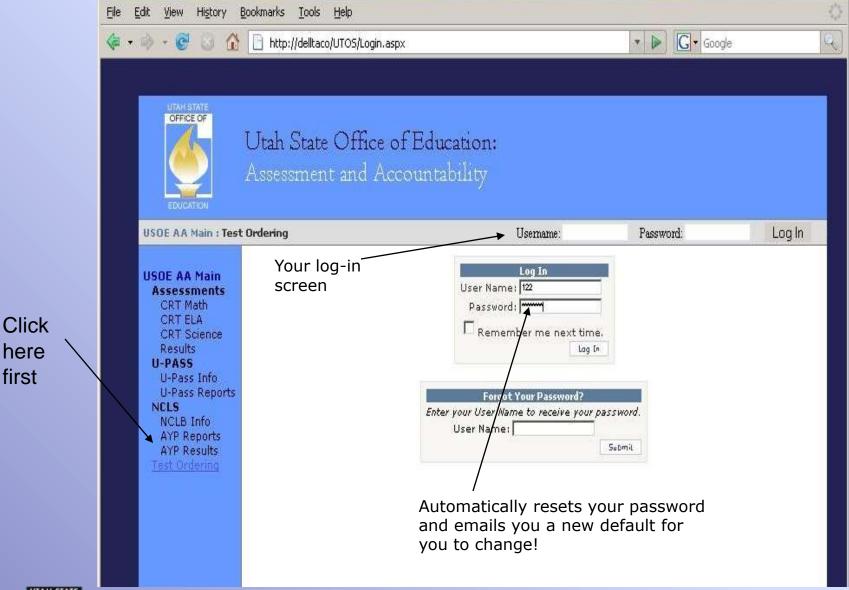


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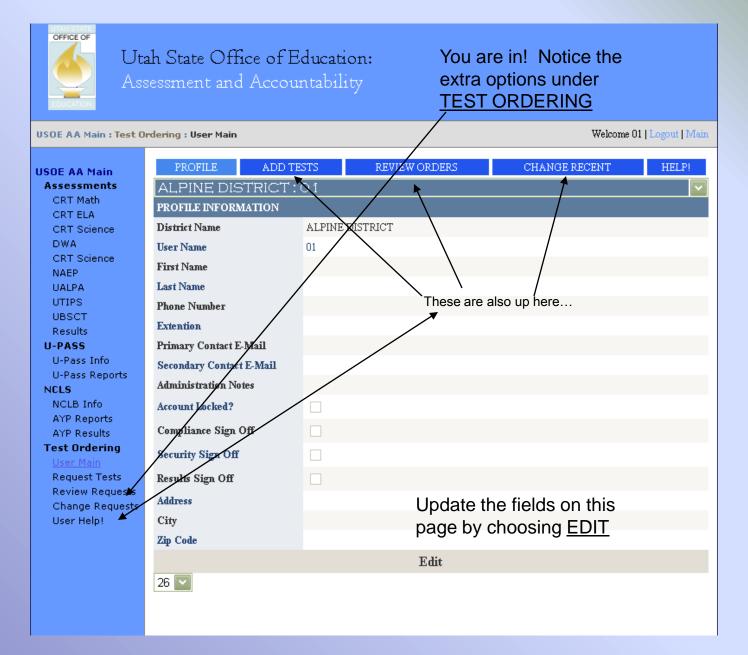
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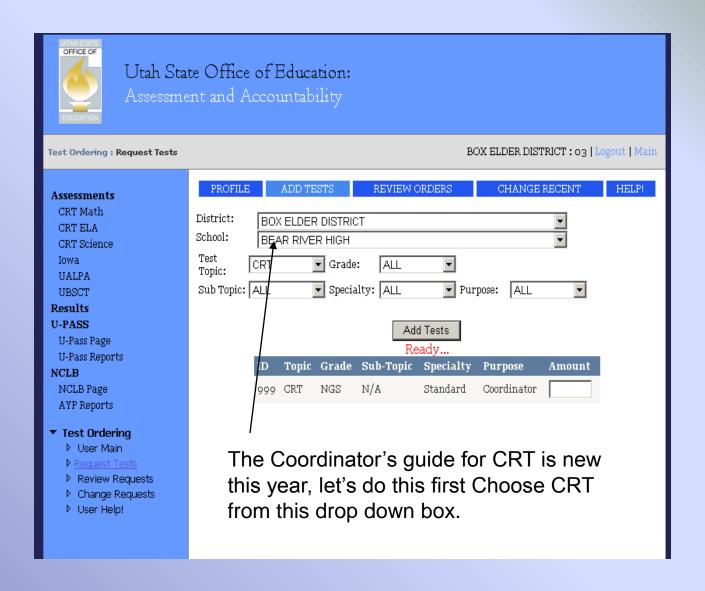


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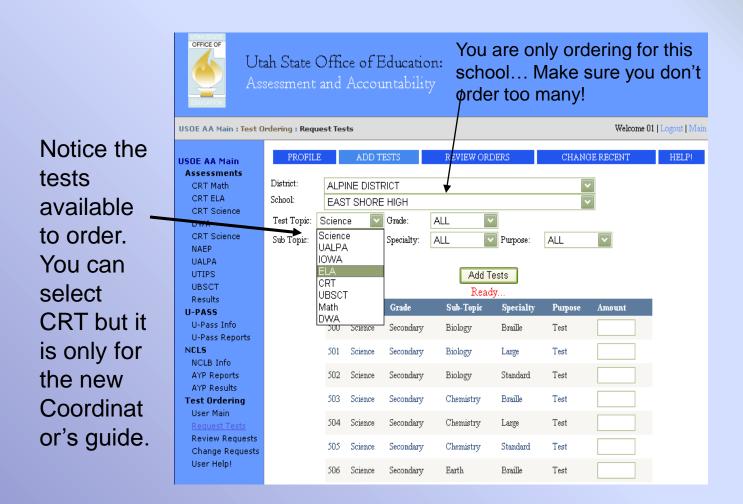
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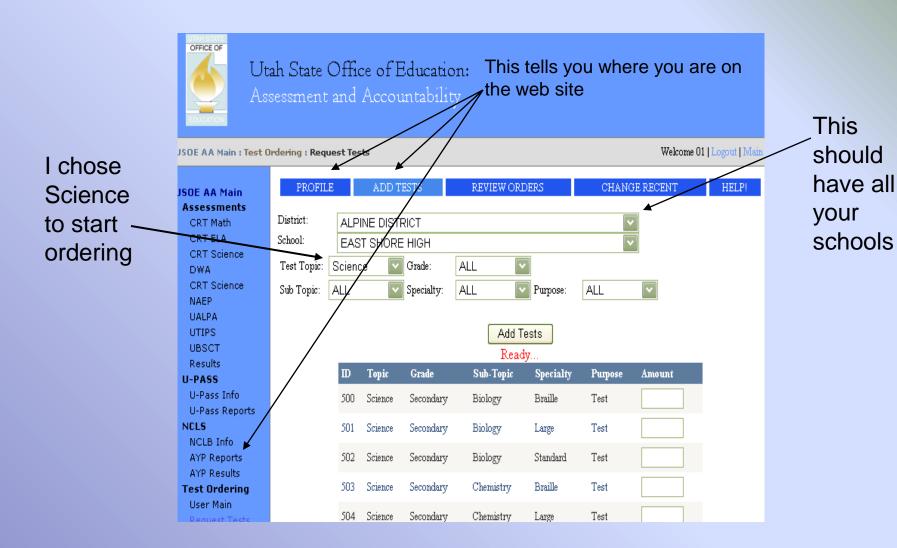




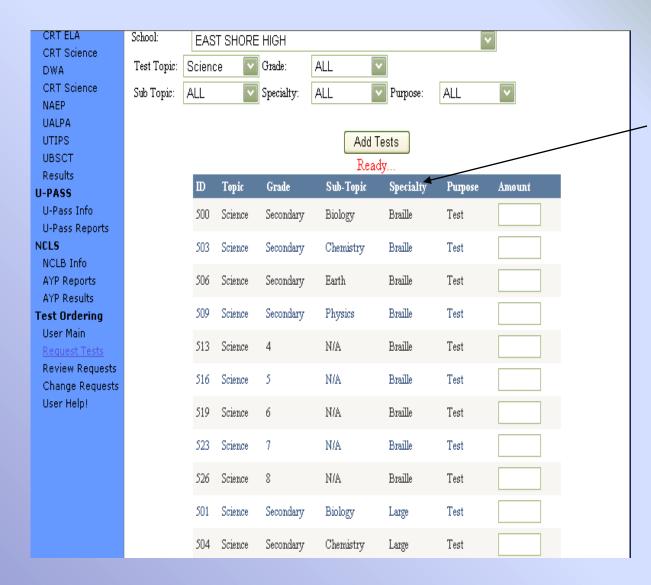






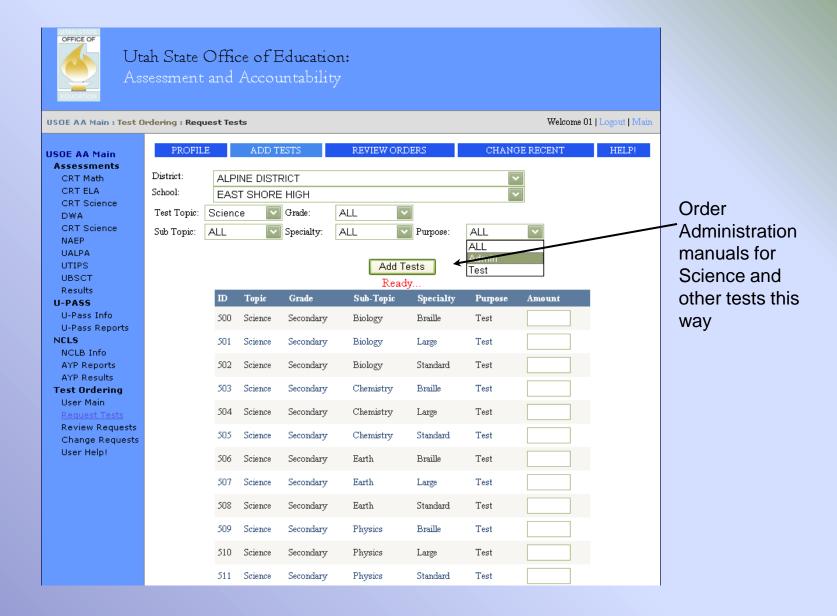




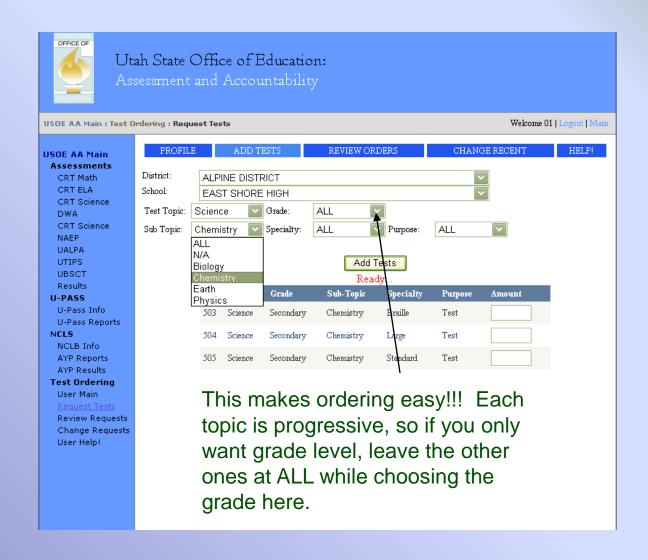


I just sorted by specialty! You can sort by these topics to assist in the ordering process.



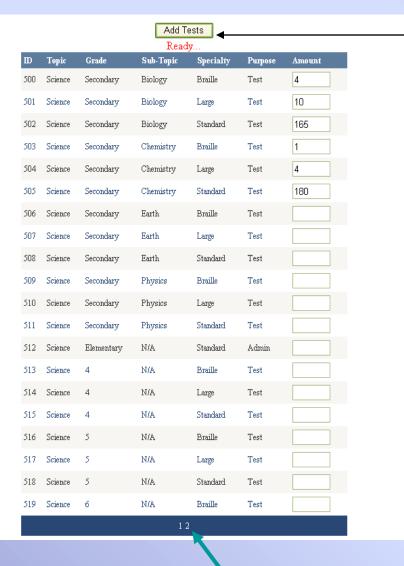








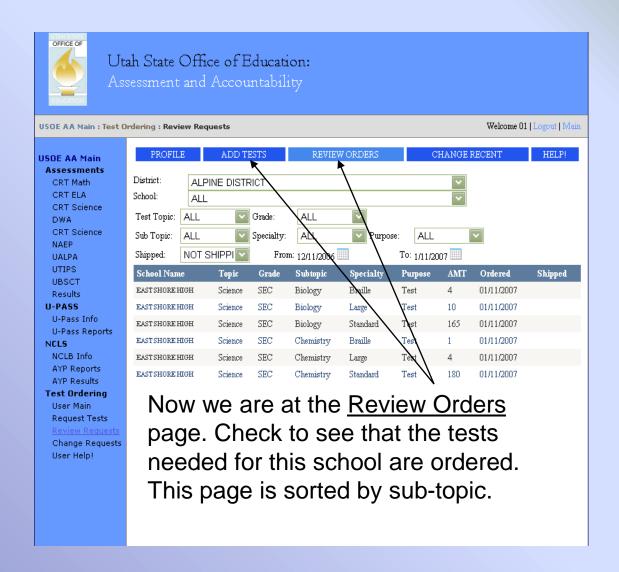




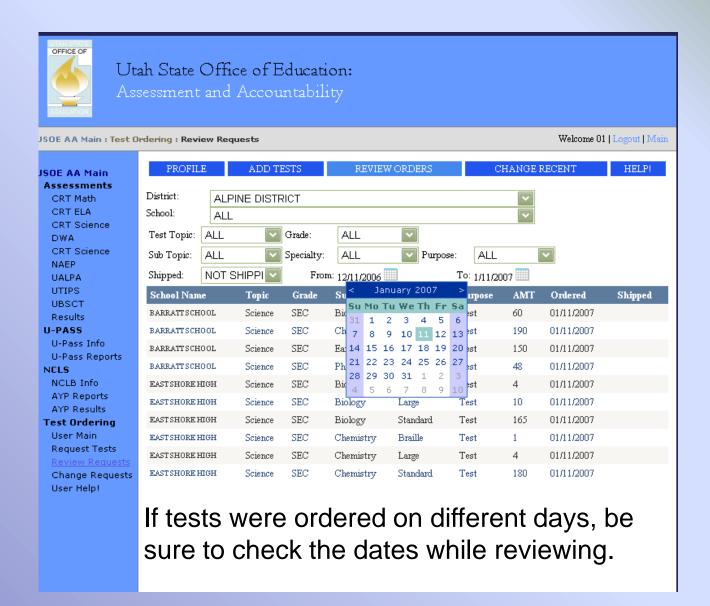
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Don't forget to check page 2

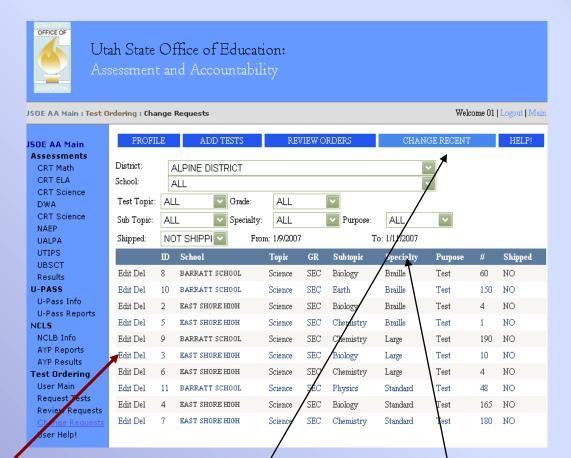








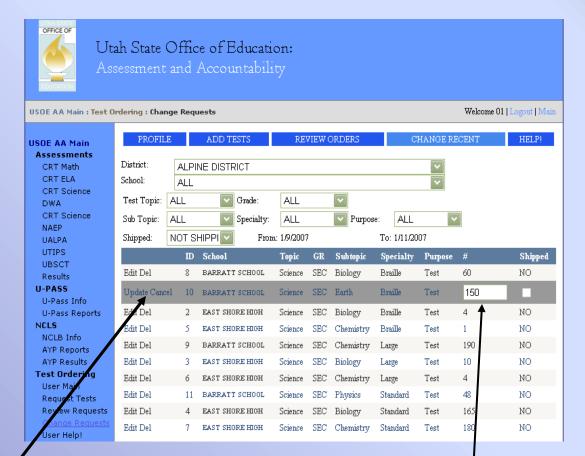




After adding another school's order, I clicked the <u>All</u> button at school level to see every order, then sorted by Specialty again. By doing this, I notice that I have too many Braille tests! I went to the <u>Change Recent</u> page, where I can alter the last 24 hours' orders...

Notice the Edit and Delete Choices.

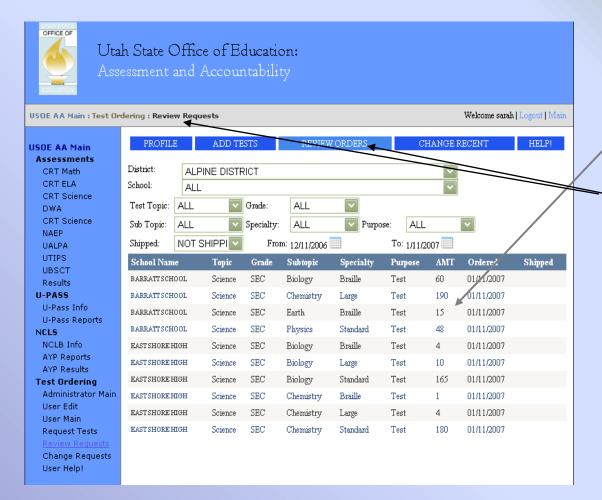




Here I can change the amount I ordered, or choose <u>Delete</u> if I ordered the wrong test for that school. You have <u>24 hours</u> to change your mind!

Don't forget to choose the <u>Update</u> or <u>Cancel</u> options.





Checking again on the Review Orders page, my Braille order is fixed! Only 20,842 schools to go...



Pre-Print Upload Training Steps 1-2-3

SHARON MARSH COMPUTER SERVICES



Step 1





Obtaining a User ID and Password

- LEAs must submit a New User Agreement Form to USOE in order to request a user ID. The New User Agreement form must be filled out and faxed to Sharon Marsh at
- (801) 538-7938. After checking the contents and forms for accuracy, the administrator will create a user ID for the requestor



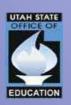
User ID And Password Format

- Your User ID is made up using your LEA number, first initial, last name.
- The password for the first time that you log on to the testing web-site is Password1
- Passwords must meet the following criteria:
- Be at least 8 characters in length
- Contain at least 1 number (0-9),
- Contain at least 1 uppercase letter (A-Z),
- Contain at least 1 lowercase letter (a-z)



Logging into the Assessment Website

- https://cs.schools.utah.gov/assessment
- First screen is the Login screen
- Example: User ID
 99smarsh
- Example: Password
 Password1



Login Page

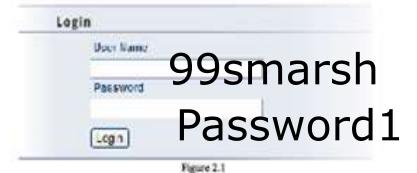
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2 Logging into the Assessment Website

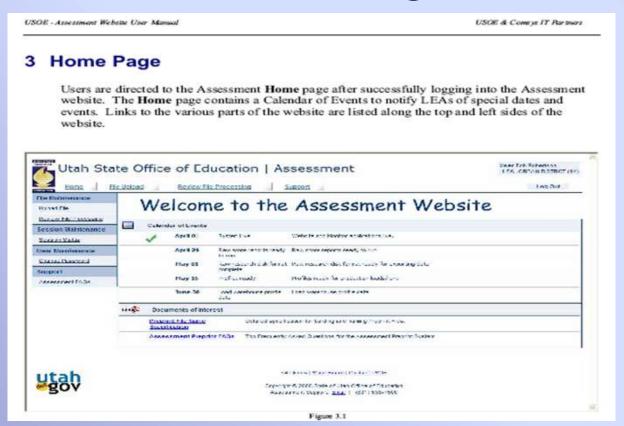
A USOE assigned user ID and Password is required to gain access to the Assessment system. Users are required to use strong passwords (See section 1.8.3 Password Security for details.).

For security purposes, invalid user logins are disabled after 3 consecutive failed attempts; if an account should be disabled, users are required to contact USOE in order to have it reset.





Home Page

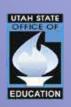


Links to various parts of website and contains a Calendar of Events



Step 2





Before Uploading

 Before uploading a file to the Assessment system, the file content should be named as outlined the Preprint File Name Specification.
 Files that fail validation or are named improperly will NOT be accepted by the website. The Preprint File Validation Application and the Preprint File specification is on the Support page.



Steps for Uploading Files

- Create an LEA Preprint file for each test
- Use the provided Preprint File Validation Application tool to validate the file's contents.
- Login to the Assessment website using a valid user ID and password.
- Click on the Upload File link on the Home page under File Maintenance section. The upload File screen will appear.



Upload File Screen

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4.1.1 Before Uploading

Before uploading a file to the Assessment system, the file content should be validated using the Preprint File Validation Application, and the file should be named as outlined in the Preprint File Name Specification. Files that fail validation or are named improperly will NOT be accepted by the website. The Preprint File Validation Application and the Preprint File specification is available on the Assessment website Support page.

4.1.2 Steps for uploading

The following are general steps to be used when uploading Preprint files to the Assessment website.

- Create an LEA Preprint file for each test
- Use the provided Preprint File Validation Application tool to validate the file's contents.
- Login to the Assessment website using a valid user ID and password.
- Click on the Upload File link on the Assessment Home page under File Maintenance section. The Upload File screen will appear as in Figure 4.2

This is in your handout



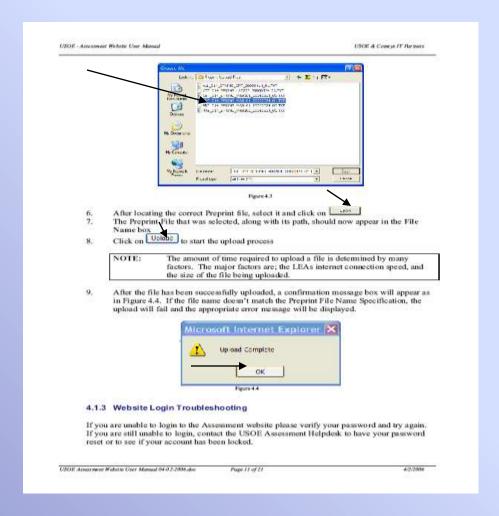


Selecting Your File

- Click on the Browse button to open the choose file window then navigate to where you have your Preprint file.
- After locating the correct Preprint file, select it and click on Open
- The Preprint File that was selected along with its path, should now appear in the File Name box.



Locating Correct Preprint File



This is in your hand-outs



Review Your Files After they Are Sent





Processing Files With Errors

- If errors were found during validation, a status of Failed will appear next to the file name. The following options are available for files with errors.
- Click on the filename with status of failed
- View errors on the file by clicking on the File Summary button. Some of the file errors will be displayed. The user may print these out.



Processing Files With Errors

- Cancel the Failed file to put it at the bottom of the file list.
- Files with errors must be fixed by the LEA and re-uploaded for processing.
- Most errors are SSID miss-matches.



Disaggregation Report

- This year we are using the preprints and the All-Student files for the IOWA, UBSCT, and DWA for disaggregation reports so that the state information can be available sooner. Please make sure that the files that you send in are as accurate as possible.
- The Disaggregation reports will help you decide if your files demographic information is correct



Disaggregation Report

- Select Review File Processing from the file Maintenance section of the home page
- Click on the file to get its status
- Click on Disaggregation Report
- The Disaggregation Report will be displayed.



Sample Disaggregation Report

Explained in the Website User Manual page 16





Step 3



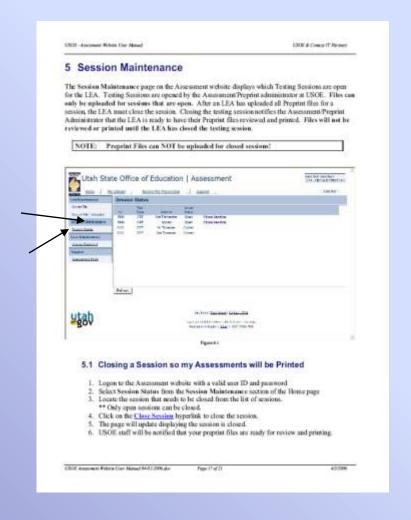


Am I Done Yet?

- All of my files have been uploaded.
- All files now say Queued so now what will happen?



Session Maintenance





Now What?

- Locate the session that needs to be closed from the list of sessions
- We are doing Fall for (IOWA)
- Click on the Close Session hyperlink to close the session.
- The page will update displaying the session is closed.
- USOE staff will be notified that your preprint files are ready for review and printing.



Questions



